

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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### Soviet Trade with Bulgaria

1. A Maritime Agency, directed by Soviet officers dressed in civilian clothing, maintains strict control over all goods which are imported from and exported to the USSR by sea. The agency is located in an apartment in the Musala section of Varna.
2. A Commission of three or four Soviet agronomists is stationed in Bulgaria for the purpose of controlling canned goods and insuring the cleanliness and proper canning methods of this merchandise. If fruit, such as grapes, apricots, etc., is slightly damp and gives off a bad odor, it is immediately treated with oxygen. A cold-storage room for barrels of fresh cheese which is to be exported is located in the vicinity of the loading quay in Varna.
3. The petroleum which Soviet tankers bring to Bulgaria is unloaded into a large depot located in the vicinity of the Sesevmets Textile Factory, across from the Navy barracks at Varna. The petroleum is unloaded, with great efficiency, by means of oil pipe-lines from the ships to the tanks on shore. The storage tanks are located one kilometer from the port in a "forbidden" zone. The tankers return empty to the Soviet Union.
4. In 1951, eight or 10 ships transported cattle to the USSR.
5. In 1950, a large amount of cement was sent to Odessa on seven or eight ships of 9,000 tons each. In 1951, only four of these ships left for Odessa.
6. In 1951, canned fruit (fruit pulp) in barrels weighing 200 kilograms each were also sent to the Soviet Union. The fruit was from the interior of Bulgaria.

### Construction in the Port of Varna

7. A new large wharf has been constructed behind the old passport building, where an old quay is located. The new quay is approximately eight meters wide and 1,500-2,000

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meters long. To permit construction of the quay, it was necessary to tear down the repair yard for boats and motor-sailing boats. In 1951, divers put down large stone blocks. [REDACTED]

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The Explosives Factory near Varna

8. The road which leads to the Peynardzhik Explosives Factory is very steep and supplies are transported to it by means of 15-20 cart convoys. The road crosses an iron bridge before arriving at the factory. Access to this zone is strictly forbidden.
9. The explosives produced at the factory are sent to the port by carts and trucks. Sometimes the explosives are loaded directly on railroad cars and sent toward the interior of Bulgaria.

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